

St. Davids Bulletin

SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2018

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- School Cash Online. Register at stdavids.dsbn.org
- Just a reminder that we have students who are allergic to nuts. Please check packaging carefully when sending food with your child. Thank you!
- Please call the school when your child is going to be absent

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 7th
Spirit day

Sept. 12th
Magazine kick-off

Sept. 14th
Early release day, Terry Fox walk

Sept. 19th
Open House 4-6pm

Sept. 25th
School Council meeting 6:00pm

Sept. 26th
Rowan's Law Day—wear purple

Sept. 28th
Assembly 9:10

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St. Davids, Ontario
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stdavids.dsbn.org
Principal - Mrs. Tracy Leemet**

St. Davids Public School works in partnership with parents and the community, to provide differentiated instruction within a safe environment and with an emphasis on language literacy, numeracy, and character development to foster educated, well-rounded and respectful students who strive for success.

Welcome back everyone!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready to get back into the routine of school. The staff have been working hard getting the rooms all prepared for the students to return and our custodian, Mr Tim Adams has been working all summer to get the school clean and shiny.

We had an unfortunate flood on Aug. 21st that has had an impact on our gymnasium floor. We are in the process of hearing the timeline of how long it will take to replace the floor. At this time, we will be able to use the floor for assemblies but not as an athletic surface. (there is some rippling damage). Please bear with us as we move through this renovation process.

We hope that you will save the date of Wed. Sept 19th from 4-6 for our School Open House where you get a chance to meet your child's teacher. Looking forward to a great year!!

Mrs. T. Leemet



**Please fill
out and
return all
forms
promptly!!**

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We have been anticipating the start of another great school year. A warm welcome is extended to all students, parents and staff who are returning. If you're new to our area, we extend a special hello to you and hope you enjoy your year with us! We have a tradition of high academic standards and positive school participation and, we as a staff, expect our students to work at their best to achieve their best results in all endeavours. We look forward to getting to know each student and celebrating their unique accomplishments. Parental interest, support and participation are encouraged as we form a team that supports students to reach their full potential. We look forward to working closely with you as we ensure the best possible education for all our students. We would like to welcome Mrs Crawford(Gr 3), Mrs Eady-Nikkel (Gr 1), Ms Kimberley (Educational Assistant) and Mr Adams who is our temporary custodian.

GO DRAGONS!

If you are a dragon, you know how to work hard and have fun! There is so much going on at St Davids that makes it the very best place to be each day...from assemblies for students to end-of-month celebration assemblies, and all of the learning, sports, clubs and community events that happen in between! We are excited about seeing you and your family out for the many venues we will provide throughout the year. Please keep updated by logging onto our school website at <http://stdavids.dsbm.org/> and reading our online newsletters monthly. You and your children are the most valued members of the St Davids community. We want you to have a rich and dynamic school experience!

WHAT IS A DRAGON?

- D**ifference maker
- R**especting all
- A**ppreciating Differences
- G**rowing Strong
- O**ffering Support
- N**ever giving up
- S**tanding proud



Each student at St Davids belongs to a special cross-graded colour-house and remains an important member for their entire school career! Students will wear coloured T-shirts with the dragon pledge for our colour house days and special events! St Davids is a place where all dragons belong!

Student Agendas - \$8.00 Please do not forget to log into Schoolcash to pay for your child's agenda. A slight increase in expense as we added a plastic sleeve in the front for putting in notes and other papers.

SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS

We strive to maintain our school as a safe and secure learning environment for our students. Access to our school will only be through the front door, and visitors will be buzzed in. To ensure student safety, all visitors must:

- ◆ Only access the school through the front door
- ◆ Check in at the office before going to a classroom
- ◆ Sign in using the “Visitor Sign In” book located in the main office
- ◆ Wear a visitor’s sticker during your stay with us
- ◆ Use washrooms designated for adults, as student washrooms are for children only
- ◆ If you are dropping off an item for your child or picking him/her up for an appointment, you may simply check in at the office as per usual and allow one of our staff members to take care of your request.

Thank you for your support in this matter of student safety.



How Long Must My Child Stay Home When Sick?



Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- ◆ Fever
- ◆ Diarrhea
- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Rash
- ◆ Frequent coughing or sneezing
- ◆ Yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes
- ◆ Sore throat

Contact your family doctor for a diagnosis. Your doctor will advise you about care and treatment if a communicable disease is diagnosed. For more information, please contact the Infectious Disease Program at 905-688-8248 ext. 7330 or 1-888-505-6074 or www.niagararegion.ca



School's website
is:
stdavids.dsbn.org

**School and
Classroom
Newsletters will
be posted every
month on the
website. Please
be sure to
check it
regularly!!**

HEALTH NURSE

St. Davids health nurse will be visiting and promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. If you have any questions about the services she offers, please contact the school.

Insure Your Child

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payments coverage for students. If you have no other coverage, it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been sent home with each student to assist you in getting coverage. Or you can visit www.insuremykids.com to apply online. It costs as little as 5 cents per day per student for one year of basic school day/school activity coverage.



DON'T FORGET TO GIVE US A CALL.....

If your child is going to be absent or late, please be sure to notify the office prior to 9:00 a.m. We have an answering service available for your convenience. If you need to phone in the evening or early in the morning please feel free to leave us a message. If your child

is absent or late and we do not receive a call, our secretary, will phone to ensure that your child is safe. 905-262-4533



St David's Staff for 2018/19

Kindergarten	Mrs Wood/Mrs Wright Mrs Paravincino/ Ms Bodnar Mrs Mussari
Grade 1	Mrs Nikkel
Grade 1/2	Mrs King
Grade 2	Mrs Black
Grade 2/3	Mrs Hoadley
Grade 3	Mrs Crawford
Grade 4	Mr Gienow
Grade 4/5	Mrs Heidebrecht
Grade 5/6	Mr Bateson
Grade 6/7	Mr Hall
Grade 7/8	Mrs Funk
LRT	Mrs Kotsanis
French	Mrs Borrowman
Prep	Mr Climenhage
Prep	Mrs Koabel
EA	Mrs Mastrangelo
EA	Mrs Tucker
EA	Ms Kimberley
Secretary	Mrs Lococo
Principal	Mrs Leemet
Custodian	Mr Adam
Night Custodian	Ms Pelletier
Lunch hour	Ms O'Brien, Mrs Servant, Mr Opie
Supervisors	

**Please remember that classes in September are always tentative. St Davids' staffing and class organization will be finalized after enrolment numbers are reviewed early in September. We have had new registrations through the summer.

PEANUT/NUT ALLERGY ALERT

This year we have several students with a life threatening allergy to tree nuts, peanuts and peanut products. We are asking for the cooperation and understanding of all families in refraining from sending foods to school which may contain nut products or peanuts.



Parking at St Davids

We recognize that St Davids is a busy school with wonderfully involved parents. Often that means that the parking lot is busy, too! In order to ensure the safety of our students at each dismissal time, we require all visitors to our parking lot to follow parking lot guidelines:

- The west end of the parking lot is designated for staff parking.
- Students must use proper walkways and meet parents before entering the parking lot. All students must be directly supervised by parents when in the lot.
- Drivers wishing to drop students off directly onto safe sidewalk zones may use the gravel lane in front of the junior end of the school. There is access to two school sidewalks from that location.
- **Please never park in the through lane of the parking lot.**
- **Please never park in the area adjacent to the bus lane.** This would require visitors to walk across bus loading zones and cause increased congestion.

There are 10 Visitor spots to use in the front parking area for people leaving their car to come into the school.

Students are not permitted into the parking lot at any time without an adult. Convenience or timesaving is never worth the cost of a life. We ask that parents please meet their children at their exit doors and then escort them safely to the car. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and vigilance in ensuring the safety of our students.



Toonie for Terry

On Friday, Sept. 14th the school will be participating in the annual Terry Fox walk. We are asking that every student donate \$2 which will be going directly to the local chapter. Please come and join us for a lovely walk throughout the neighbourhood that morning.



Must - Knows



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL ROUTINES

Please drop off children before school and pick them up at dismissal, by waiting just outside their official entry/exit doors. The students will be expected to use these doors as a regular part of their routine each day. Allowing students to enter and exit independently will foster their sense of independence. If you have children in both Kindergarten and a higher grade, the older children may meet the kindergarten child at the kindergarten class at dismissal. This way, parents may pick up at one location.

Kindergarten – front kindergarten doors
Gr1, 2 – north primary doors (back)
Gr 3 to 8 – east junior doors (side)

ABSENCES, LATES AND ATTENDANCE CALLS

Please help us to ensure the safety of our students by calling when your child will be absent or late to school. Office hours are 8:00 to 4:00pm. **Outside of these hours you may call anytime, day or night, and leave a message on our answering system. The number is 905-262-4533.** We always need to know the whereabouts of each and every student. Your co-operation in calling us will assist our office staff immensely! If you haven't called us, we'll be calling you. We will call your home first, followed by your place of business, and if necessary the numbers you have listed as emergency contacts. Also, all students who arrive late to school (any time during the school day) must report to the office to receive an admit slip. In addition, students leaving at any time during the school day will be required to sign-out at the office.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

When buses arrive in the morning, students are considered to be at school and are not to leave the property to go to a store etc. If a parent would like to give their child permission to leave the school property, they must send a note dated and signed by a parent. The note must be shown to the teacher then brought to the office upon signing out. If this is done, it is assumed that parents are responsible for their children when they are off school grounds. Once a student has returned to school following lunch they may not leave a second time. It is our expectation that all students be polite and co-operative while off school property. Our reputation in the community depends on their good behaviour. Students will lose offsite lunch privileges due to poor behaviour. No student will be permitted to leave school property without a note. **We will not be making phone calls for notes that have been forgotten.**

CELL PHONE USE

Students may bring cell phones to school, however according to the District School Board of Niagara's policy, we require that all cell phones be turned off as soon as students arrive on school property. All cell phones must be off and stored in student backpacks. **Cell phones are not to be used during the school day**, unless under the direct supervision of the classroom teacher for instructional purposes. Students are able to use the office telephones with a phone pass from their teacher. Our phones are also available for student use in the event of an emergency.

IPODS, CAMERAS, ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic devices are very popular with children and adolescents today, however the staff of St Davids School believe that many of these items do not have a regular place in the classroom. These items are very expensive and they are the target of theft. School staff will not be responsible if they are lost or stolen. On occasion, these items may be used when directly monitored by homeroom teachers. Students should not be taking photos of students or staff without their consent

NIAGARA STUDENT TRANSPOR- TATION SERVICES

The mandate of NSTS is to plan and manage safe, efficient and effective transportation services for the students of Niagara. For information, visit the NSTS website www.nsts.ca or call 905-346-0290

MEDICATION POLICY

The safety of all students is of great importance to every staff member and parent. Taking into consideration the location and administration of medications is a delicate situation, which could result in a safety issue should medication fall into the wrong hands. It is for this very reason that the District School Board of Niagara has come up with a policy for the storage and administration of medication to students. According to the DSNB guidelines set out in "Administrating Health Support Services to Students", authorized drugs "shall be administered by the Principal or designate and shall be provided through the parent in an appropriate container on which storage and safe keeping requirements are clearly indicated". We must have an "Authorization of Administration of Oral/Topical Medication" form signed by parents and the physician to allow students to receive medications at school. Any parents that have concerns regarding this can call the office to discuss appropriate arrangements. Remember, we are here to assist parents with this process because we realize that it is difficult for you to get to the school daily. However, please feel free, at any time, to come and administer medications yourself if that is your wish. Forms are available at the office.



DRESSING FOR SUCCESS AT ST DAVIDS SCHOOL

At St Davids School it is the belief of teachers and parents alike, that student dress should be appropriate to an academic setting, create a separation between the street and the school, and contribute to an overall positive image of our school. The consistent enforcement of our dress code will enhance our educational environment and help create a tone conducive to the achievement of excellence. Hats or head coverings must be removed upon entry into the school and not worn indoors. **Shoes must be worn** indoors due to safety/fire regulations. Students, regardless of age, are not permitted to wear inappropriate clothing which includes: short shorts, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, "see through" tops or mesh tops (unless worn with an undershirt). Exposed undergarments, bare midriffs and backs are not permitted. Shirts, blouses, T-shirts and sweaters must be long enough to cover the midriff. Clothes bearing written statements, or diagrams (pictures, logos, people) that do not promote a positive and safe environment; that are racist, suggestive, or in bad taste, or that advertise alcohol, drug or tobacco products are not permitted. Remember, a positive school culture and tone are integral to the creation and enhancement of a school environment committed to the achievement of personal and academic excellence.

SCHOOL BUS

Parents, please do not give your son/daughter permission to bring a friend home with them on the bus. The bus company would appreciate your support, as the teachers who are on bus duty, and the bus drivers will have no choice but to tell the students "No", they cannot get on the bus. Also, proper and acceptable behaviour on a school bus is critical to making every child's bus ride safe.





ST. DAVIDS SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

EARLY RELEASE DAY- FRIDAY SEP- TEMBER 14th

On the early release day, all ELP to Grade 8 buses will arrive to pick up students three hours earlier than the regularly scheduled bus departure times.



**SCHOOL
COUNCIL
WELCOMES
YOU!
COME TO
OUR MEET
AND GREET!**

Our first School Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th – 6:00 pm. Please join us for the election and refreshments!

Funds raised directly impact learning at our school – Every order helps.

READY! Browse the catalogue from hundreds of magazine titles for all ages and interests! Parents who read, raise children who read, and readers become leaders! Give a gift that lasts all year long. Not sure what they like? Buy them a gift card and let them choose!

SET! **HELP US REACH OUR MISSION!** Register at QSP.ca and share our fundraiser with friends and family by Text, Email and Facebook. Send 12 or more emails and your child earns a Cool \$100 Bill Wallet!



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OR ORDER ONLINE at www.QSP.ca using our GROUP ONLINE ID:

Scan the QR code by hovering your phone's camera over the square on the right. This will take you directly to OUR page at the QSP store.



Rowan's Law

On September 26, Rowan's Law Day will be observed by our school. This is a day to increase awareness about the danger of concussions, and to positively promote injury prevention.

Rowan's Law was created after Rowan Stringer, a 17-year old student died after sustaining two concussions. Because she did not tell anyone about her injuries or how she was feeling with her family, coaches, or friends her concussions went untreated.

By observing Rowan's Law Day each year and educating our school community about concussions, we hope to promote a culture of safety at our school.

Purple was Rowan's favourite colour, so we are asking students to wear purple to school on September 26 – it could be a purple shirt, socks, a ribbon – something to represent Rowan.



VISITOR AND VOLUNTEER SIGN- IN

All visitors must report to the school office where they are to sign-in and pick up a visitor/volunteer badge prior to going to a classroom. If you are dropping off items for your child i.e. lunch, homework, clothing etc., please leave them at the office. We will see that your child receives them. **Please do not go directly to classrooms.** Thank you for your co-operation.

VOLUNTEERS

We encourage volunteer help in all aspects of our school program. Please consider being a school volunteer (i.e., classroom assistance, reading volunteer, etc.). Please notify your child's teacher or call us at the office if you are interested. A criminal reference check may be required depending on the type of volunteer work that is done.

PHOTO DAY

St Davids students will have their individual photos and class pictures taken on October 19th. Please come

dressed in bright or light colours, bring a comb if necessary and remember to wear your best smile!



GET INVOLVED MAKE A DIFFERENCE



DEAR PARENTS,

Your child's school has signed up for the Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge (OSBRC) by Raw Materials Company. The Challenge officially starts on October 15th, 2018 (Waste Reduction Week) and runs until April 19th, 2019 (Friday before Earth Day). The Challenge is bigger and better than ever, and every school has a chance to walk away with a prize!

WHAT IS THE OSBRC?

The OSBRC is a recycling competition between 200 elementary and secondary schools across Ontario. Its purpose is to teach children and their families about the proper way to handle, store and recycle batteries at home and at school. Since 2014, OSBRC schools have recycled more than 5.5 million single-use batteries. The OSBRC prize pool has paid out more than \$60,000 to winning schools and every year, 10% is donated to the SickKids Children's Hospital.

STUDENT MISSIONS

With your consent, your child can sign up for Student Missions. If they complete 3 missions they will be entered into a draw for one of ten \$50 VISA Gift Cards. If they complete all 5 missions by Family Day, they'll have a chance to win a family trip to Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls! We also added three bonus missions this year to give students extra chances to win! For more information and to register, please visit:

www.rawmaterials.com/ontario-school-recycling-challenge/student/

YOU CAN HELP!

Collect single-use alkaline batteries from your home, family, friends and work. Before you send them to school, please tape the terminals on all 6V, 9V and button cell batteries. To learn more about how to store batteries in your home and how to prepare them for recycling, please visit: www.rawmaterials.com/page/education/prepare-batteries/

Primary single-use alkaline batteries only. Alkaline batteries come in common sizes including AA, AAA, C, D, 6V, 9V and button cell. Primary "lithium" and rechargeable batteries are not part of this program. To recycle them and all other types, please visit makethedrop.ca

Sincerely,

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